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All-Out Drive To Elect Quinn Is Launched By Labor

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

'RICH MAN'S SOLILOQUY'

Robert M. Hutchins, who recently told the American Society of Newspaper Editors a few things good for their professional health and for the well-being of society, says that in many cities the editorial column has become a "rich man's soliloquy."

He was thinking especially of cities such as Oakland, where one rich man owns the only paper in town. We are sure he would be much interested in the Knowland brand of a rich man's soliloquy as it was exemplified recently.

Our readers will remember that this particular rich man of Oakland ran a smear of the labor-backed candidates for the Oakland City Council while voters were still going to the polls; then the next day ran a hypocritical sneering "retraction"—after the votes had been counted.

A PRESS COMMISSION?

Hutchins, formerly president of the University of Chicago and now chairman of the Fund for the Republic, was head of the citizens' Commission on Freedom of the Press which made an interesting survey of the press in 1947.

Hutchins renewed in talking to the newspaper editors recently the suggestion the Commission on Freedom of the Press made in 1947.

That suggestion was that a citizens' Commission on the Press be set up, with money privately contributed, so there would be no taint of Government in it, to study the press for ten years, and annually report on good and bad things noted.

The newspaper publishers, the rich soliloquists, not only rejected this proposal, but heaped insults on those who made it. They're at it again, now that Hutchins has renewed the proposal.

WHY NOT LOCALLY?

Hutchins is thinking in terms of a national commission. But East Bay Labor Journal has repeatedly suggested that right here in Oakland, without waiting for national action, citizens could set up a Press Commission to listen to any complaints made against any publication; then to give publicity to the hearing held on such complaints.

If the editor of East Bay Labor Journal fouls the columns with utterly unfair material, or if the editor of the Oakland Tribune does that, it would be no violation of the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press for a responsible body of citizens to appear before it and answer questions about the matter.

Does anyone seriously believe that Oakland Tribune would join East Bay Labor Journal in making such a proposal? If not, why not? Because the "rich man's soliloquy" is the Tribune's policy, and will continue to be; and because there's not sufficient interest among citizens in Oakland in a decently conducted press; and because most citizens are afraid of the Trib.

School Board Employees Are Free Citizens Here

The Oakland Board of Education voted unanimously this week to uphold the rights of Oakland school employees to engage in politics anywhere outside the classroom.

Board action followed a resolution to this effect submitted by Board member John J. King on behalf of the Alameda County School Trustees Association. King is an IAM Grand Lodge Representative in charge of the Oakland Regional Office.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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CLERKS & LUMBER
HANDLERS 939
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
HAYWARD CULINARY WKS
& BARTENDERS 823
BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

New Agricultural Labor Recruiting Office Is Set Up

A new state farm employment office, created for the convenience of local farm laborers, will open its door for the first time early Monday morning, May 9, at the corner of 7th and Clay Streets, Oakland.

Announcement of the opening of the new agency was made here this week by Bayard C. Rucker, State Farm Placement Supervisor in charge of Northern California. The Farm Placement Bureau is a branch of the California State Department of Employment.

Rucker reported that the new Oakland office will be manned by one employee who will be responsible for coordinating fruit and cotton picking requirements of farmers and getting the proper number of workers to the farms where they are needed.

He emphasized, however, that the farm employment office will not discriminate against any farm laborer for whatever reason so long as the man is willing and able to do his job. He added that farmers who discriminate against any farm laborers because of race, color or creed will not get any workers at all from this office.

Rucker stated that the Oakland agency will also furnish, free of charge, transportation to and from the job for all farm laborers "who don't shirk their work in the fields."

The first major crop to be harvested this year will be strawberries in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. Other crops later in the season will include string beans, apricots and cotton. The picking season will be continuous until the end of February, he added.

As to the number of jobs available during the picking season, Rucker said that they would be plentiful. An indication of this, he pointed out, was the fact that last year his agency had to legally import 52,000 Mexican nationals to pick crops in Northern California.

Those intending to do farm labor for the first time are advised that the work is generally on a piece-work, hand basis and payment is made at so much a crate at day's end. It will also be necessary in many cases to report at the local farm employment office very early in the morning so that there will be enough time to get out to the farm for a full day's work.

Any further information in regard to crops, wages, camp sites, housing, etc., may be obtained by calling the new farm office any time after Monday. The phone number is GLen-court 2-1716.

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash this week reported on the setting up of the new farm labor office, and said that apparently an effort would be made to check on the reliability of farm labor contractors.

There have been complaints that in the past farm laborers were recruited here by irresponsible and sometimes downright dishonest contractors.

Key System Asking Men for a Pay Cut

E. Scala, reporting for Carmen 192 at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, said that negotiations with the Key System were not going well.

"So far things are about the way they were two years ago," said Scala. Two years ago the union conducted a 70-day strike against the company.

Scala said the union is asking a 20-cent hourly increase, but the company says it is losing so much money it must ask the workers to take a 30-cent hourly cut. This would reduce the drivers and platform men to \$1.56 an hour, and the top mechanics to \$1.83.

1st Lt. Robert Cowell Is a Civilian Again

Edna Lallement, president of the Building Service Employees 18, is tickled pink over the fact that her son, Robert Cowell, is back in the East Bay and is a civilian once again. Bob, who was a 1st lieutenant in the U. S. Army, was honorably discharged from the service on April 27 after completing a 3-year hitch. His mother reports that he expects to study law at the University of California's Boalt Hall starting in September.

BTC Attacks 'Jerry Building'; Carpenter Locals Reaffiliate

The Building Trades Council this week followed up its investigation of a local company's home-building practices by firing a letter at the County Board of Supervisors urging the enactment of an ordinance which would prevent the firm from erecting any more "jerry-built" homes in this area.

Special target of the proposed ordinance would be the Rainier Construction Company which is now building several homes on a tract in San Lorenzo.

In his letter to the Supervisors, Business Representative J. L. Childers described as "contrary to the public interest" a recent decision by the County Building Inspection Department permitting 24 inch spacing of ceiling joists and interior partition studs in the Rainier-built homes.

"We find it hard to believe," he added, "that 'jerry-built' construction methods should find approval in this county."

The council letter further contended that the recent change to 24 inch spacing was a serious weakening of structural wall and ceiling strength when compared with the 16 inch spacing formerly used.

In conclusion, the council urged the Supervisors to order a halt to the new type of construction until the County Building Code can be amended to protect prospective buyers "from such flimsy construction."

The complete text of the council's letter will be carried in East Bay Labor Journal next week.

CARPENTERS' REAFFILIATE

Two separate formal requests by Hayward Carpenters 1622

and Fruitvale Carpenters 1472 for reaffiliation with the BTC was approved by the council delegates Tuesday.

BTC Secretary John Davy was authorized to relay the council's decision to the new union affiliates and to notify them as to the number of delegates to which they will be entitled.

Similar requests for reaffiliation is expected shortly from the 7 other Eastbay carpenter locals, all of whom recently voted by referendum to seek reaffiliation with the council.

KEHM SIGNS SIGNS

B. R. Tooke, Sign Painter 878, reported that Kehm Signs Corp., Acme Outdoor Advertising Co., and Kehm Enterprises, all of Vallejo, have signed union contracts with the Solano County BTC.

HOLMDAHL INVITATION

The BTC voted unanimously to oblige newly elected Oakland Councilman John W. Holmdahl by offering him a standing invitation to drop in for a chat with the delegates "at your earliest convenience."

CONTRACTORS SIGN

Secretary John Davy announced the signing of separate council agreements this week by Atwater Underground Construction Co., R. T. Gerry, cement contractor; and John Nelson, concrete contractor.

Demo Backed by Labor Wins Seat In State Senate; FEPC Suffers Setback

Organized labor this week won a victory in the Monterey county tussle for a seat in the State Senate, lost what may be the deciding round in the fight to establish a Fair Employment Commission, and won committee approvals in Senate and Assembly groups for compensation increase measures.

In Monterey County Democrat Fred Farr, strongly backed by labor, defeated Republican James Silliman, former Speaker of the Assembly, by a vote of which stood 13,046 to 11,729 when all precincts but one reporting. It was a special election to fill the seat of the late Senator Fred Weybreit.

Farr will be the first Democrat to represent Monterey county in the State Senate for 40 years. The FEPC measure, introduced by Assemblyman Byron Rumford of Alameda county, had been approved by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, but when it went before the Ways & Means Committee headed by Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott of Alameda county this week it was voted down 12 to 9. Fifteen favorable votes were needed to move the bill from the 28-member committee.

No Alameda county Assemblyman voted against FEPC in the Ways & Means Committee; both Caldecott, Republican, and Carlos Bee, Democrat, of Alameda county, voted for it.

Ways & Means did, however, give unanimous approval to the AFL bill calling for a \$5 weekly increase in maximum benefits under the disability insurance laws; this would raise the maximum to \$40.

The Senate Social Welfare Committee without a dissenting vote approved the bill bogging the weekly unemployment maximum from \$30 to \$33.

Later the Senate by a vote of 29-0 passed a bill to increase present workmen's compensation maximums from \$35 to \$40 a week for temporary injury and from \$30 to \$35 for permanent injury. The Assembly had previously approved a \$7.50 increase in both categories. The measure now goes to conference.

DAN FLANAGAN TO SPEAK

AT CLC MONDAY, MAY 9

Dan Flanagan, Western AFL Organizer, will be guest speaker at the business meeting of the Central Labor Council on Monday evening, May 9, it was announced here by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash.

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Higher Standards Of Living on Way, AFL Group Is Told

The next 15 years may see an increase in the American standard of living surpassing the increase in that standard during the past 50 years.

That was one of the cheering bits of information or prophecy made by a distinguished economist at the Summer Institute conducted over a recent weekend at Santa Barbara by the State Federation of Labor and the UC Institute of Industrial Relations.

Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23, who with Dick Groulx, Office Employees 29, was an official delegate of the Central Labor Council to the Santa Barbara gathering, told of the economist's statement in reporting the Institute's findings to the CLC.

"When the economist said that," said Crowell, "some dumb fellow in the audience—maybe it was I—asked him: But how do we know that we labor people will get the benefit of all this rise in the standard of living?"

WISE ANSWER!

Crowell said that the economist thereupon made the wisest reply of the whole session.

"Well, you'll be damn fools if you don't get it!"

Both Groulx and Crowell emphasized, however, that the conference included a lot more than questions and answers, and that there was a great deal of very serious discussion of major services given by unions to their members.

RUSS CROWELL RUNNING FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Russ Crowell, secretary-treasurer, Cleaners 23, is running for trustee in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

Election day is May 20.

Some of the subjects discussed were: public opinion in relation to labor unions, job training, adult education, racial relations, health and welfare programs, political prospects for 1956, how to improve union meetings, credit unions, consumer buying, the economic outlook, and the labor movement in Denmark.

This last mentioned subject was discussed at the Santa Barbara Institute by K. B. Andersen, member of the Danish Labor Party and leader of a Folk School for labor people in that kingdom.

DANE SPEAKS

Andersen was present at the Central Labor Council meeting at which Groulx and Crowell made their report, and was introduced to the delegates by the presiding officer, First Vice President Edna Lallement, as a guest of Jeffery Colahan, Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302.

Andersen, speaking good English, and explaining with a smile that people who come from small countries have to learn the languages of the big countries they visit, said that despite all the differences, he noted some similarities between the labor movement in the two countries.

"In Denmark," he said, "we keep asking ourselves in the labor unions, Why this apathy? And we say that it is because labor has already won so much better conditions than it had formerly that there is apathy: the members do not realize how these good things were won. As you get more good things through your unions in the United States, and many members fail to realize that it is through your unions they got them, you may have still more of the question, Why this apathy?"

TWO SURPRISES

Andersen said there are two things about labor people's life in America which surprise the visitor: one is our high standard of living, and the other is our lack of political power corresponding with the economic power of our unions.

Andersen is visiting the U. S. under the State Department's program of interchange of distinguished persons between this country and other nations.

PG&E Safety Drive

An intensive educational campaign to reduce injuries and deaths from contact with high-voltage lines is being launched by the Division of Industrial Safety and the PG&E, says Ernest B. Webb, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Webb said that he himself has a "five-cent per week" policy which was bought for him union hopes to have an organ as a lad many years ago, and that he wouldn't dream of giving it up "but once a year when an agent comes around from husband on his extended trip."

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John F. Quinn, Backed by Labor, Faces Foes of Urban Renewal

"John F. Quinn, candidate for the Oakland City Council in the May 17 runoff election, has among his political opponents the enemies of slum clearance, urban redevelopment, and decent housing for citizens of medium income," said Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Voters League of Alameda County-AFL, today.

As proof of his statement Ash called attention to a bulletin put out by a group opposing Quinn's election and seeking to raise sums of money for Quinn's opponent, the present incumbent.

These constructive measures opposed by this small selfish group of the biggest landlords," said Ash, "have long been advocated by the Chamber of Commerce and many other civic organizations. However, the putting into effect of these constructive measures has been stalled by this small selfish group to which Quinn's opponent, the present incumbent, is unduly responsive."

Following is the campaign bulletin to which Ash called attention:

IMPORTANT BULLETIN Fund Raising Committee for the Re-election of HOWARD RILEY to the OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Again we owners and operators of rental properties find ourselves directly concerned with the outcome of the City-wide elections. This is a real fight and our battle against Rent Control was a picnic by comparison.

A careful check since the primary, April 19th, shows that a majority of the Oakland City Council may become unfriendly to property owners and rental operators. Particularly it is conceded that HOWARD RILEY will have a very difficult time in the run-off election—May 17th. There are grave questions concerning the attitudes of some Councilmen who will be there for the next two years. The balance of strength could become so delicate that personal opinions between Councilmen might influence the outcome of some controversial matters of particular importance to us.

Directly, or indirectly, some of these questions that will be up for decision are as follows: (1) Elimination of Rental Units (Privately operated) so as to make room for and precipitate a clamor for public housing; (2) Threat of rent control; (3) Stiffening of the building codes which would raise costs to apartment owners to comply; (4) Stiffening of City Ordinances to make easier the promotion of item No. 1; (5) General letdown in our zoning restrictions to the general detriment of our industry; (6) Redevelopment and its attendant dictatorial methods and spending of tax money wantonly.

It is clear that we, in housing, are directly affected. Our margin of economic safety is vanishing. We must have immediate funds to adequately fight the battle for the re-election of HOWARD RILEY. We have evidence that Labor spent \$20,000 in the Primary. We also understand that Labor is prepared to spend \$30,000 in the run-off to elect Riley's opponent. To protect your investments you must help in this fight—with your contributions. We must act at once to protect our interests—adequate campaign mailings depend on financing NOW. It is up to YOU. Mail a check TODAY. Make checks payable to:

Rental Housing Committee
1419 Harrison St.
Oakland 12, California

R. L. Snell, Chairman
Grace Buhlert, Treasurer
C. H. McCaslin
Clair Stirtat
Earl Smith
(Rental Housing Committee for HOWARD RILEY)

Building Service Workers Conclave Gets Business Done in Record Time

Edna Lallement, president of the Building Service Employees 18, ports, and Geldert served on the was back in town this week at Committee on Laws. In addition, attending the 11th general George Hardy, president of San convention of her international Francisco Local 87, served as union in Chicago from April 25 chairman of the Committee on Resolutions.

The convention, held every five years, was attended by delegates representing 148 locals in of Labor: Frank Brewster, president of the United States and Canada, and Richard J. W. Douglas, secretary who recently was elected mayor of Chicago.

Both Oakland delegates, Mrs. Lallement and Geldert, were accorded the honor of sitting on the important convention committee. Mrs. Lallement was a member of the Committee on Officers and Resolutions, making 8 in all.

"On my repeated remarks to you on this subject," said Foley, "I have not meant to imply that you should give up any insurance you have which has been purchased in the past. But I do ask that if you have bought a policy in the past, and an agent of the company comes around to see you about it for any reason, you request that agent to show you a union card."

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Dunn and Holmdahl Say It Is 'Now Or Never' In Oakland

Supervisor Frank Dunn Jr. and Oakland City Councilman-elect John W. Holmdahl this week sounded what in effect was a "Now or Never" warning to organized labor that tremendous efforts are needed in the campaign to elect John F. Quinn to the Oakland City Council.

Holmdahl, who was elected to the City Council in the primary election in which Quinn placed for the runoff election May 17, warned the Central Labor Council delegates:

"There's not a thing you have that can't be taken away from you by legislation, whether in the City Council, the State Legislature, or the Congress in Washington. I am not speaking for my own political gain, obviously, as I am going to be on the Oakland City Council for four years. But the next four years are going to be very miserable without John F. Quinn on that council—and I don't want to be miserable!"

Holmdahl made it plain that he thought those four years would be very miserable for organized labor, too, unless there was one more vote on the City Council on matters in which labor is interested.

Holmdahl was a member of Paint Makers 1101 while studying for his bar examination and is now an attorney.

He concluded his address by indicating that if organized labor had worked as hard for Quinn's election in the primary as he hoped it would work for his election in the May 17 runoff Quinn would already be elected.

"So please think about a letter to every member of your union urging the election of Quinn May 17," said Holmdahl. "Think about personal letters to your friends for Quinn!"

Supervisor Dunn, member of Painters 127, and for years 13th District Assemblyman before being elected with labor's backing last year to the county's governing board, was sharply realistic in his analysis of the campaign situation.

NOT A CINCH!

"Don't make the mistake of thinking that the election of John F. Quinn is a cinch," said Dunn with all the emphasis of which his emphatic nature is capable. "Don't forget this: Quinn got 3000 votes less than his incumbent in the primary, and history proves that it is seldom a man who gets fewer votes than the incumbent at the primary is going to win in the runoff."

"That doesn't mean John F. Quinn can't win, but it does mean that he won't win unless everyone who believes he should be elected gets in and works hard for his election."

"Naturally, we're all glad that Earl N. Byers, who got over 11,000 votes in the primary, is now working for Quinn's election. But Byers and no one else can hand Quinn those 11,000 votes. Byers has really handed Quinn just one vote—his Byers' vote."

"THIS IS IT!"

"How do we know but what some of those 11,000 votes were cast against Quinn instead of against the incumbent? So it's your job to get out and persuade everyone among those who

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Paint Makers Sign Patchtex Producer

Jack Kopke, representative, Paint Makers 1101, received word from Paul Nicely, business representative of Paint Makers 1232 in Los Angeles, that the Synkaloid Company, which produces Patchtex and other patching materials, has signed a contract with the Los Angeles local.

Kopke had been informed on Tuesday by Nicely that a picket line had been put in front of the Synkaloid plant with the approval of Los Angeles Painters Council 36, Building Trades Council, Central Labor Council, and Teamsters Joint Council.

Nicely said that the employees of Synkaloid had been organized, that the company had promised to recognize the union, but had failed to do so.

That was Tuesday. But Wednesday Nicely sent word that the company had capitulated; it didn't enjoy being picketed. Nicely was formerly with Local 1101 here.

HOW TO BUY

Tricks Confuse Mattress Buyers

By SYDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

A San Francisco reader has written us voicing the feelings of confusion most people feel when they go to buy a mattress. She writes: "Would you please give us some information so I can sort my way through the maze of claims made for mattresses?"

One reason mattresses are so confusing to buy is the practice of some manufacturers of paying the sales clerks in the stores a "spiff" or "PM" (push money) for pushing certain brands.

The other confusing trick in the mattress business is the use of "step-ups". Some of the less scrupulous installment stores may price one mattress at \$39, another at \$49, a third at \$59, and so on, when the only difference among them may be the design of the ticking.

Because of these practices and the confusion of claims, it is best to disregard brand names and examine salesman's recommendations with care.

Instead, shop mattresses by specifications and judge yourself which is best quality for the money. You have to compare the quality of three factors: the ticking (covering), filling and construction.

Mattresses are often labeled as to contents. For the specifications that are not on the label, you'll have to ask the store and evaluate by your own scrutiny.

Another reason why you can't depend on brand names as a guide to value, is that the same manufacturer may make different grades, and various stores will sell them at varying prices. In my experience, the mattresses sold by retailers under their private-brand names are better values than those under nationally advertised brand names.

The ticking should be firmly and closely woven both to resist wear and help hold the mattress in shape. The strongest ticking is made of closely-woven twill-weave cotton.

The filling of the most widely-sold and reasonable mattresses is generally an innerspring upholstered with layers of padding. Generally there are two types of innerspring units; those with several hundred small coils individually pocketed in muslin, and those with larger but fewer coils. The latter is not as soft, but is less expensive and often sturdier. But even the large-coil type should have at least 180 coils.

Construction is another important point to check. Often less-expensive mattresses are made with a roll edge. The border of the mattress is sewn so it forms a roll all around.

Better mattresses have a pre-built border. This is a strip of quilted ticking, sewn all around the edge of the mattress to hold

the top ticking to the bottom. This helps the mattress hold its shape better. But a prebuilt-border mattress should not cost you more than \$5 more than a roll-edge mattress of the same specifications. If you do buy a roll-edge, make sure it has at least several rows of stitching on the side walls to reinforce the filling.

Other desirable construction details include air holes in the sides and handles for turning the mattress.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

STATISTICS ARE DULL matters unless they happen to be about something in which we are intensely interested.

For instance: What woman wouldn't be interested in these statistics on clothes?

They are provided by a fashion consultant, Estelle Hamburger, for the "Fashion Group" at a recent meeting in New York. American women buy an average of more than four dresses a year. Some buy a coat only once in several years. Some never buy a suit. Nevertheless, this industry ranks in size only below steel and food.

It provides \$8,440,000,000 worth of women's wear in a year. There are over 17,000 manufacturers, and 363,000 persons making outdoor apparel. In addition there are 115,000 making women's under-garments, and 72,000 making garments for little girls.

Last year 259,000,000 women's dresses were produced, 26,000,000 coats, 14,300,000 suits, 174,000,000 blouses, 74,000,000 skirts, and 172,000,000 slips. For all this, over 280,000,000 yards of wool were woven, 29,000,000 yards of silk, 1,652,000,000 (over a billion) yards of rayon and acetate, and 368,000,000 yards of nylon, to say nothing of nine billion yards of cotton.

These statistics come from the Bureau of Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Ladies Garment Workers Union. So if you don't believe all this, here's your chance to check up for yourself! And we wouldn't blame you if you did! And every woman in the country sighing that she hasn't a THING to wear!

FROM THE EDITOR

To The Ladies:

HUSBANDS SHOULDN'T have to wash the dishes unless they volunteer, Dr. Herbert Ratner, health commissioner of a Chicago suburb, told a group of married couples at a mental health lecture.

He also argued that young mothers should stay out of civic activity, and leave such work to older women who have already raised their families.

BOTH THESE POINTS deserve considerable discussion. They're connected, too, more than may seem obvious at first. Young mothers whose children are young are naturally interested in what Dr. Ratner scornfully refers to as efforts "to improve the school system or the police force." It is their young children, not the grown-up offspring of "older women who have already raised their families," who are endangered by a bad police system or harmed by inferior schools.

So if a young mother, for the sake of her young children, goes out right after supper to attend a committee meeting of the P-TA, there's no reason why friend husband shouldn't be requested to do the dishes.

BERKELEY CITY MANAGER John D. Phillips has attacked the proposed District Transit bill on the ground that it provides for collective bargaining.

NO SET PATTERN exists now for the division of labor between men and women such as formerly prevailed. Take the handling of money, keeping the family accounts, balancing the checkbook—time was when that was supposed to be work that only a man could do. Yet in many families today the wife is better than her husband at such work.

Even minor repairs around the house—you find some women now who do these things better than the man. Such a man ought to wash the dishes. There's no disgrace attaching to him for his lack of skill in minor repairs, but it's somewhat disgraceful if he doesn't give a lift at "woman's work" if his wife has to do what is traditionally "man's work."

Locally, the program can be seen on Thursday, May 12 over Station KPIX, Channel 5 at 7 p.m.

"Byron Palmer, Joan Weldon, and the rest of the cast have selected a group of old favorites that are still as popular as the day they were introduced to the public," said A. S. Kimbrough, telephone district manager here. "Shine, 'I Cried for You', and 'Heart of My Heart' are just a few of the songs to be heard next week" he said.

PT&T TV Show May 12 To Feature Old Songs

Good songs—like old soldiers—never die.

At least, that's what the people on Pacific Telephone's THIS IS YOUR MUSIC believe. And they are going to try and prove it on next week's television show.

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BERKELEY CITY MANAGER John D. Phillips has attacked the proposed District Transit bill on the ground that it provides for collective bargaining.

NO SET PATTERN exists now for the division of labor between men and women such as formerly prevailed. Take the handling of money, keeping the family accounts, balancing the checkbook—time was when that was supposed to be work that only a man could do. Yet in many families today the wife is better than her husband at such work.

Even minor repairs around the house—you find some women now who do these things better than the man. Such a man ought to wash the dishes. There's no disgrace attaching to him for his lack of skill in minor repairs, but it's somewhat disgraceful if he doesn't give a lift at "woman's work" if his wife has to do what is traditionally "man's work."

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Eyes for Blind Offered as Gift

International Guiding Eyes, Inc. renewed its offer to the local labor movement to supply a guide dog as an outright gift to sightless labor union member, their friends or relatives.

The offer was contained in a letter sent to the Central Labor Council this week. The guide dog association's headquarters are located at 11408 Collins St., N. Hollywood, California. It is licensed by the State of California and sponsored by the International Association of Machinists. Voluntary contributions are its sole support.

Those eligible are urged to write to the IGE for application blanks.

Joseph W. Jones, Sr., IGE president, stated that eligible sightless persons will be entitled to 4-weeks of free room and board at IGE headquarters while they are being taught to use their guide dogs.

Jones added that his organization has already provided a total of 158 such guide dogs for the blind residing in various sections of the United States, Canada and the Philippines.

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New Demo Paper Wins Adlai's Best Wishes For "Fruitful Future"

The second edition of The California Democrat (a monthly newspaper) is off the press and according to editor E. V. Griffith, the success of the publication has "exceeded our wildest expectations."

Subscriptions are pouring in from all over California, says Griffith, even "from places to which we sent no copies." He credits this fact to the word-of-mouth advertising by people who are interested in furthering the paper which proclaims its dedication "to advance the aims and principles of the Democratic Party."

Prominently displayed in the latest issue of the 4-page paper is a letter from Adlai E. Stevenson wishing a "fruitful future" to the publication venture. The paper is published in Eureka at 625 - 5th Street, by Carl C. Guioit who is also publisher and editor of the AFL Redwood Empire Labor Journal. Individual subscription rates are \$1 per year with special rates for organizations.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Health and Poise City Diet

A recent survey of one thousand women in four U. S. cities found that urban housewives eat, on the average, less calories (1,780) than the recommended amount of 2,000 calories, with no loss of weight or vigor.

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MR. & MRS. WALTER BOVIE, (he's business representative of Teamster Automotive Employees 78), welcomed a new addition to the family on April 20—a girl, named Nancy Jean, who weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 ozs.

John Sweeney Appointed To Teamo Regional Post

John Sweeney, who formerly worked out of Oakland on the staff of Western AFL Organizer Dan Flanagan, has been appointed secretary - treasurer of the Western Conference of Teamsters by General President Dave Beck. Sweeney will succeed to the office of the late Gordon Lindsay.

In recognition of his appointment, Sweeney was tendered a testimonial dinner in Seattle on April 24 by Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28. Among the many prominent Teamster officials at the affair were Beck and Frank W. Brewster, vice-president of the Teamsters' International and president of the Western Conference.

Sharing honors with Sweeney at the testimonial dinner were Bill Griffin, secretary-treasurer of Seattle Driver Salesmen 353. Griffin was appointed to an important post in the Teamsters' International with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Both Sweeney and Griffin were presented with wrist watches inscribed with best wishes from many Teamster friends and well-wishers.

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LABOR IS FOR THE NEW SOUTH SHORE

Union labor in the Bay Area knows a good thing when it sees it. The two top labor bodies have officially endorsed the Alameda City Council's proposal to have Utah Construction Company build a great new residential, business and recreational area along the South Shore.

The Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County

The Alameda County Central Labor Council

agree that "there is no basis in fact to sustain the contentions of the opponents" to the South Shore development and they "urge members of Local Unions in Alameda to vote in favor of this proposed development in the May 24 election."

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By GEORGE F. ALLEN

There is a service available to members of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan that has just come to our attention. We feel it is a very worthy service, therefore, wish to advise all members who are covered under this plan as to its operation.

Kaiser Foundation has set up a "Blood Insurance" which means that any member who gives a pint of blood at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital and leaves it there, will have available for use for himself and/or dependents, all the blood necessary regardless of amount, for a period of one year from date blood was given, should blood be needed.

The blood donation must be left with Kaiser Foundation Hospital and is not transferable to an outside hospital.

Also—should an outside person be desirous of leaving a pint of blood to the credit of a member of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, he can do so by going to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital and informing them that he wishes his pint of blood credited to "Blood Insurance" for so and so family, members of the Kaiser Plan.

A member who gives blood to the Blood Insurance for protection for himself and family, will have this insurance for one year. A single person member of the Kaiser Foundation Plan who gives a pint of blood (or has another person credit blood to his Blood Insurance) will have Blood Insurance protection for himself for a period of two years.

In order to receive the benefits of Blood Insurance protection, a pint of blood must be set up to your credit BEFORE it is needed—if you do not have this protection you will be charged for any blood needed as is the case in all hospitals.

REMEMBER! No blood can be transferred to an outside hospital—Also, a pint of blood left at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank by you can be transferred to the Kaiser Foundation Hospital at a cost to you of \$8.50 per pint should it be needed by you. However, this does NOT give you Blood Insurance and none of the protection offered through this insurance can be obtained by this transfer from Irwin. An Irwin transfer merely saves you a certain amount on each pint you have transferred.

We sincerely believe that it is excellent insurance for any person who is eligible, especially members who have families, because we do know from experience that should disaster strike a member of the family and blood transfusions become necessary, it is difficult to find donors and the cost of blood per pint is very high.

NOTE:—This "Blood Insurance" is not available to a member or his family if he or she is a member of his family has a pre-existing disease known to require blood.

County Demos to Honor State Sen. Richards

The Alameda County Democratic Luncheon Forum has invited all interested parties to attend a dinner honoring State Senator Richard Richards on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at Peluso's Restaurant, 316 - 14th Street, Oakland.

Tickets are \$5 per plate (tax and tip included).

ROBERT ANTHONY GENE SINI, a member of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302, died in Richmond on April 25 at age 29. Brother Genesini, a veteran of the World War II, is survived by his widow, Ramona M.; his mother, Mrs. Philomena Genesini; a son, George Robert; a daughter, Cheryl Leigh; and a sister, Miss Merrill Genesini.

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Theater Union Has Hero in U. S. Army

By JOE CONNELLY

Up and down the aisle... Richard Stimers, out of the service and back on the Fruitvale door... Harold Kirkpatrick is the newest addition to the Broadway male staff. Reba Sory on the distaff side of the crew had left and as this was being written Audrey Karn, formerly of the T & D was one of the applicants for the vacated position. Katherine Cox, last at the Eastmont was in the running... Thayne Christensen is the new man on the Campus door... Georgia Frye in to take a withdrawal, after leaving the T & D to await the arrival of the stock... Edna Martinez of the U. C. also working in the Fox West Coast District offices, replacing Margaret McDonald, Rosene who moved to San Carlos... Don Mowat moving from the Campus to the U. C. door.

Twyla Barr, formerly of the Neptune back looking for a theater spot, preferably in the Island City... Union meetings this month will be held on the 2nd Wednesday (11th), 4th Saturday (28th) at 10 a.m. and the 3rd Thursday (19th) at 11:30 p.m. Former member Jack Craig, who is chairman of the Theatrical Federation's committee on entertainment was unable to attend our recent union meetings to explain in detail what progress has been made on the federation party, phoned to express his regrets at his inability to attend the meeting.

However, he states that the affair will probably be held June 1 in the Oakland Auditorium ballroom. We will inform you of further progress in the next issue, as the federation is meeting today (Friday)... Former member Charles Glasser who worked the Orpheum, Paramount, T & D doors in Oakland and the Golden Gate in S. F. was recently credited with saving two nurses and two babies from an overturned ambulance which was afire. Glasser, now a sergeant in the army was driving behind the ambulance in an army service car near Hamburg, Germany... Jim Tante business representative of Local 728 IATSE was recently appointed to the State Adult Authority replacing former Police Chief Charles Dullea of San Francisco.

What's new in your theater? Like to see in print? Send it in to the business office.

Back Stage With Stage Hand Employees 107

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By WILLIAM PELKEY

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Post Office Clerks 78

Regular business meeting of Local 78, N. E. P. O. C., will be held Monday, May 9, 1955. Time: 8:00 p.m. Place: Danish Hall, 164 - 11th Street, Oakland, California. This is your local. Fry yourself away from the TV and plan to attend the regular business meeting.

Fraternally yours,
WELDON S. HOGG,
President

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

All meetings of this Local for the months of March, April, May, and June, 1955, will be special meetings for the purpose of discussing working conditions.

These meetings will be held on the second and forth Fridays of each month, in Hall H, third floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland. All members are respectfully requested to attend these meetings.

Also be advised that Death Benefit No. 23 is now due and payable.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary.

Hayward Painters 1178

The next regular meeting of Local 1178 occurs Friday, May 6th.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823

Our next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, will be held at 2:30 pm. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Berkeley Painters Local 40

The next meeting of our Local scheduled for Friday night, May 13, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of voting for or against the 22-cent an hour increase.

Voting will start Friday evening, May 13 and will continue until noon on Saturday, May 14.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN HEIMANS,
Business Representative

Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

Painters Settle on 22 Cents Raise

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

As one of our famous broad-casters would say (There's good news today). After several months of negotiations and some 20 meetings behind us we have finally arrived at an amicable settlement with our employers for the renewal of our present agreement. At the meeting held last Friday it was mutually agreed by both parties to an increase in the base rate of 22 cents per hour. This will bring our wages from the present \$2.70 per hour to \$2.92 per hour effective June 1, 1955.

Several other changes in the working conditions were agreed to including the application of lacquer on hardwoods; application of Zolatone and suspended lacquer materials by the air brush method, the use of roller applicators on deep tone colors on interiors, the institution of a taping trainee program and several other changes of minor importance.

The recommendations of the overall negotiating committee will be sent out for referendum vote of the membership of the locals and will also be voted upon by the employer associations. As of today the District Council has not yet set the date upon which this vote will be taken but each member will receive a special notice card of this said meeting and we are asking each and every member of the local to attend the special meeting to vote upon these recommendations. Look for this card within the next few days.

ROY D. CLEGHORN, a member of Bakers 119, died in Jackson on April 17 at age 48. Survivors include his widow, Frances; a daughter, Rosalie Smith, and a step-daughter, Juanita Glinski; his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dohrmann; and several grandchildren.

HOWARD A. ARCHER, a member of Operating Engineers 3, passed away in Livermore on April 24 at age 40. Survivors are his widow, Thelma; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Bascom; his father, Charles Archer; brothers, Peter and Jack; and sisters, Mrs. Bernice Munson and Mrs. Isabelle Bailey.

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Carpenters' Auxiliary Birthday Party May 21

By MARY NALL

Press Correspondent

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160

Had a nice card party on April 16 at the home of Joe Wheeler. It was such a rainy night not too big attendance but those of us who were there had a grand time—and all the nice home-made pie and coffee we could eat. Their wonderful big fire place made us all feel cozy at home. Business meet was not so well attended as so many of the members were sick.

Tress Flanigan is having quite a time with an injured knee and is under doctor's care. She had 2 of her sisters here from Oklahoma City visiting her. She couldn't get around so well but it didn't effect her talking. A good time was reported by all.

Martha Light has been down with the virus. Glad she is feeling better.

Eleanor Clapp received word Wednesday her brother in Montana was killed in an auto accident. Our sympathy goes to her and the family. Her son, Danny, who has been home on furlough from Alaska, will go back again. I understand he is leaving on Wednesday.

Helene Lindahl has been in bed for a week with virus.

Jean Kinney is under doctor's care for high blood pressure and has to be quiet for a while.

Mae Bristow is now in Oakland at 5223 Congress Ave. She can have visitors. Hope she keeps up the good work and recovers completely.

Barney Holder is in Rehabilitation Center Vallejo Ward 2, Room 2. Cards and visitors will help pass the time away.

Tress Flanigan's son, Don, will be married on May 7 to Patricia Wirt of Alameda. We sure wish the young couple the best. Eleanor Clapp's daughter and her new husband from the East are expected any time. They are coming for a vacation so the groom can meet his new in-laws. Sure hope you all have a fine time.

The Auxiliary will combine its social night and sewing club this month and go to the home of Alta Benony at 1613 Bonita Ave. May 13 at 7:30. Hope you can all go. The Auxiliary's birthday dinner and party will be at Peluso's, 316 - 14th St., Oakland on May 21. Flo Bartalini is taking the reservations. Board meeting is May 12 at Martha Light's, 2243 E. 23rd St. We are all so glad Flo Bartalini is able to be with us again. Now if May will soon hurry up we'll be one big family again.

Agnes Elzig's a lot better and able to be out.

Dora Harrington is somewhat better and can talk a little over the phone but cards are always welcome.

Hope the rest of you are all well. Do come to some of the meetings and let's get acquainted again.

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Building Trades, 1400 Strong, Hold Conference in DC

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—

Fourteen hundred building tradesmen, representing the largest AFL Building Trades Department legislative conference ever held, convened in Washington to hear reports on proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act and the Davis-Bacon Law. Afterward, they discussed the bills with their Congressional representatives.

George Meany, AFL president; Richard J. Gray, president of the department, and Sen. Pat McNamara (D, Mich.) addressed the opening session which crowded the main floor and balcony of the Mayflower Hotel Grand Ball Room.

Gray told the conference that the Taft-Hartley amendments, presented in the Senate by Sen. James E. Murray and others and in the House by Rep. John E. Fogarty, would eliminate Section 14 (b), which enables states to pass "right-to-work" legislation outlawing the union shop even though the Taft-Hartley Act sanctions it.

The T-H amendments also would revise the secondary boycott provisions in the law, permit union shop prehire contracts, and change the 30-day union-security provision to seven days in building trade contracts.

He also said the Davis-Bacon amendments would extend the prevailing wage coverage to federally assisted projects, and confer full enforcement authority on the Secretary of Labor.

Meany declared that supporters of misnamed "right-to-work" legislation were trying to "render impotent and perhaps destroy the trade union movement." Such laws, he said, are aimed at the "very heart of the trade union movement," union security.

Those who want such legislation, Meany said, argue that the union interferes with individual freedom, that each individual would be able to make a more successful contract with his employer.

"This attempts to convey the impression," he declared, "that a charwoman, working for a \$1 million corporation with a battery of high-priced lawyers, is able to make a better deal for herself than the union."

It is also argued said Meany, that "there is some conflict between the union and the individual, that the union is something foreign to him. The fact is that the union is the worker. It was created by the worker. It is the instrumentality of the worker."

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OPINIONS

MOTHER'S DAY AND EUGENE V. DEBS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Rail unionist, Walter Johnson, wrote a letter to your paper about Mother's Day recently.

May I add a few more interesting facts?

This national day is derived from the custom of mother-worship in ancient Greece, and ceremonies were performed on the Ides of March throughout Asia Minor.

With the coming of Christianity this developed into worship of "Mother Church", the celebration occurring on mid-Lent Sunday, when children returned home with gifts for parents, especially the mother.

Mr. Johnson also wrote that he had voted for Eugene Debs.

For the enlightenment of our readers, Debs organized the American Railway Union in 1893 and was elected president serving four years.

He was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to kill, and acquitted, but was later convicted of contempt of court for violating an injunction and sent to jail for six months.

In 1897 he joined the Socialist movement. He was Socialist candidate for the Presidency of the U. S. in 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912 and declined nomination in 1916.

He was an advocate of industrial unionism, though he eventually dissociated himself from the I. W. W.'s and was one of the chief opponents of Samuel Gompers.

He was a pacifist and in 1918 was convicted of violating the Espionage act and sentenced to ten years in prison.

In 1920, while in prison, he was again nominated presidential candidate by the Socialists. His sentence was commuted by President Harding in 1921.

He died in 1926 and was one of the foremost figures in American Socialism.

BERNADETTE EYSELEE

Culinary Workers, Local 31
P. S. As Jack Webb would say, "we just want the facts ma'am."

Editor's Note: The great railroad strike to which Sister Eyselee refers is one of the classic landmarks in the history of American labor, and the older railroad men, however much they may have disagreed with Debs later on other matters, always admired Debs' heroic leadership of that strike. Tommy Roberts, who went through that historic work stoppage here, often mentions with sorrow the action of President Grover Cleveland in breaking the strike with injunctions and Federal troops. The father of the present writer many times impressed upon his son the story of the great rail strike of '94 and the Homestead steel strike of '92. Debs seems to have been a man of whom it could be said that "but to know him was to love him." The staid Columbia Encyclopedia telling of his release from prison in 1921 says: "His health was broken, and his civil rights were not restored. He could accomplish little in his last years, but he was widely revered as a martyr for his principles."

PEACE OR TOWER?

It is increasingly clear that the Eisenhower Administration cannot have both peace in the Formosa Strait with Communists' China and peace in Washington with Senator Knowland.—Joseph C. Harsch in Christian Science Monitor.

FOOD POLICY

Congress must adopt a basic food policy which completely eliminates malnutrition in the United States.—James Patton, President, National Farmers Union.

EDITORIALS

Small Selfish Group of Large Landlords Fight John F. Quinn

"John F. Quinn, Backed by Labor, Faces Foes of Urban Renewal," says a headline on the first page of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

That's it.

The group that, as Bob Ash puts it, includes "the enemies of slum clearance, urban development, and decent housing for citizens of medium income," is beating the drums to raise money to defeat Quinn for the Oakland City Council.

"This small selfish group of the biggest landlords" as Ash correctly describes them, is determined to raise a large sum of money in an effort to retain in office the incumbent Quinn is opposing. They feel that this incumbent is a safe man from their point of view, helpful in blocking civic and social progress, keeping Oakland dead at the center.

The election is on May 17. Those who believe in civic progress instead of stagnation in the interest of selfishness should be sure to get to the polls that day and vote for John F. Quinn.

Labor Debates Pinball Machines

The Portland, Oregon, Central Labor Council recently voted to support a proposal to have the City Council license pinball machines. This was a reversal of a previous action by the Labor Council, says the Oregon Labor Press. There was a hot and prolonged debate before the decision was reached.

The two points which apparently prevailed with the majority of the Labor Council were:

- 1—Members of the culinary crafts and the Teamsters might lose their jobs if pinball machines were legally banned.
- 2—The city government needs the revenue.

One carpenter argued that "if we take a stand in favor of pinball machines it will destroy the good public relations we have built up by helping the YWCA and other civic projects." He added that pinball machines are "gambling devices which seem to hypnotize those who can least afford to play them, and who put in money needed for food and clothing for their children."

A member of the Carmen backed up this argument by declaring that "more teamsters are employed to haul groceries than to haul pinball machines, and the first concern of the Teamsters Union should be to protect the jobs of the grocery drivers."

A member of the Bakers Union contended that the question of pinball machines and gambling is a moral issue, and therefore an issue in which the Central Labor Council should not take sides. He argued that it "is the business of labor to promote our members' economic welfare, but not to set their moral standards," and so recommended that the council table the proposal, as it had done at an earlier meeting.

The traditional argument that whatever creates jobs for union members is good for mankind won out, however.

It is interesting to note that in the current session of the Legislature a bill was introduced to ban another form of gambling, that it was introduced by a Democrat from a labor district, and that this Assemblyman said it had the backing of labor people in that district because too many working people were throwing their wages away at the gambling tables.

It is good to have these issues debated, and to get such full reports of the debates as Editor James W. Goodsell printed in the Oregon Labor Press.

Just One Dime, Senator Douglas?

In last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal in the column on page 2 regularly headed "From the Editor to the Ladies" we published what seemed to us AFL President Meany's very cogent arguments for boosting the Federal minimum wage from the present 75 cents to \$1.25.

President Meany pointed out to the Senate Labor subcommittee:

"A full year's work of 2000 hours at the \$1.25 minimum would earn only \$2500, compared to the more than \$3800 required for adequate family living."

The "more than \$3800" figure cited by Meany is based on the recent estimates of the Department of Labor that a "modest but adequate" living for a family can be had for \$4454 in Washington, or for \$3912 in New Orleans. So the \$3800 figure Meany cites is plenty low.

The New York Times reported in its April 19 issue that Senator Paul H. Douglas, Democrat, Illinois, chairman of the Senate Labor subcommittee, asked Meany if \$1.25 would not be "quite a shock" to industry. Then the Times proceeds as follows:

"Senator Douglas said that the rise in living costs during the war had made previous minimum wage increases obsolete, but that since the 75-cent minimum was established in 1950 the rise in living costs had been only about 14 percent. This, he added, would mean an 85-cent or 86-cent minimum to maintain the 1950 real wage, whereas \$1.25 would mean a 66 percent increase."

So, says the Times, Senator Douglas indicated that \$1.25 was more than he would be willing to recommend to the Senate: "He favors a \$1 minimum."

If Senator Douglas has been correctly quoted, we gather that he thinks \$2500 a year is plenty for a family man, even if it takes more than \$3800 a year to supply a "modest but adequate" living for a family. And mind you, the \$2500 would only be received if a man worked a full 2000 hours a year, which many of these more poorly paid workers certainly would be unable to figure on.

Labor all over the U. S. was delighted when the liberal Senator Douglas defeated his reactionary GOP opponent in 1954. But if he thinks these poorly paid people are entitled to only a dime more than the measly 90 cents proposed by the labor-hating Eisenhower Administration, Labor cannot be expected to feel quite so delighted!

"IF THE DEMOCRATS defeat Silliman and elect Farr" to the State Senate, they may soon "kick over the political apple cart in the Senate."—Squire Behrens in May 2 Chronicle. And the Democrats did!



BTC Hears Report On Vet Xmas Fund Big Chains Exempt Dunn and Holmdahl Say It Is 'Now Or Never' In Oakland

Joe F. Pruss, a long-time active member of the Veterans Hospitals' Christmas Committee, gave a detailed accounting to the Building Trades Council here last week of how the money collected in the public campaign last year was spent to make a brighter Christmas for all veterans hospitalized in East Bay military hospitals.

More than \$34,000 of the \$36,700 collected, Pruss reported, was spent on decorations for the several hospitals and to pay for professional entertainment and personal gifts for every one of the 2435 hospitalized veterans. The balance of \$2,500 will be used to start the committee's 31st annual campaign late this year, he added.

Pruss, who is assistant business representative of Sheet Metal Workers 216 and a veteran himself of the World War I, has been labor's representative on public-backed committee for many years. The entire committee is composed of public-spirited citizens from all walks of life.

He praised the 99 Bay Area labor organizations which together in 1954 contributed approximately 10 percent of total funds collected. The average contribution of each labor union was \$26.

Despite the generally fine showing of labor, Pruss urged more generous contributions from them this year, and added that he hoped even more labor organizations will offer financial aid when the new campaign gets under way.

TEAMSTER OFFICIALS met this week in the Bay Area to discuss long-haul truck drivers' negotiations.

Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870, called the attention of the Central Labor Council to bills now before Congress amending the Fair Labor Standards Act which sets the minimum wage on workers whose industries, products are in interstate commerce. The minimum wage is now 75 cents an hour, President Eisenhower has advised raising it to 90 cents, and organized labor is urging \$1.25.

Wilkin said that at present the big food chains, such as Atlantic & Pacific, Safeway, are excluded from the act, but that proposed amendments would include their employees under it.

Drew Pearson in his syndicated column cites the testimony of James A. Suffridge, formerly secretary-treasurer of Food Clerks 870, now International Secretary of the AFL Retail Clerks, on an amendment proposed by Senator Jim Murray of Montana.

Suffridge, says Pearson, "testified that a W. T. Grant store in Oakland, Calif., paid retail help \$1.08 an hour, while a Grant store in Tampa, Fla., paid only 65 cents an hour to the same type of worker. Both stores charged the same retail prices, despite the big disparity in labor costs."

LILLIAN D. WAGNER, former office secretary of Butchers 120, passed away in San Leandro on April 26. She was 69. Mrs. Wagner was the wife of the late Charles J. Wagner who was secretary-treasurer of the Butchers local for many years. Surviving are a son, Robert C., and brothers, John and Arthur Simpson, both of Berkeley.

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Tribute to Mooney Paid at Banquet

Labor and management gathered at Palace Hotel in San Francisco, Friday evening, April 29, to honor Archie Mooney, retiring chief of the state division of apprenticeship.

Some 500 men and women from all walks of life were present to pay tribute to Mooney. Replying to this tribute, Mooney modestly turned the compliment toward his fellow workers in the apprenticeship program.

A scroll from Governor Knight called Mooney a part of California tradition as much as the Redwood forests.

The scroll was presented by Ernie Vernon, vice-chairman of the state apprenticeship council.

Bob Grunsky and Bob Girard of California Metal Trades Association presented gifts and thanked Mooney for "beating, coaxing, driving, and leading us to the best apprenticeship program in the U. S. and to making the world a better place for man."

The state apprenticeship council, all members of which were present, gave the Mooneys a handsome walnut desk set.

Members are: William P. Kelley, Geo. E. Ellicott, Bernard Simon, E. H. Vernon, for labor; R. A. Smith, Robt. Girard, L. A. Ireland, Philip R. Melnick, for management; and public member, Howard A. Campion.

William F. Patterson, U. S. director of apprenticeship, said few people realize the impact on U. S. apprenticeship of this "steam engine in britches." He presented a scroll to Mooney.

Culbert Olson, former governor, said Mooney's work has been based on the philosophy of the labor movement, the welfare of all mankind, and it should lead to a united effort by labor and management to a better life for all.

Assemblyman Tom Maloney, co-author of the Shelley-Maloney apprenticeship act, praised Mooney for his service to humanity and said he has blazed the trail for countless young men. Congressman John Shelley, unable to attend, sent a message of tribute.

Automation Won't Put Ike on the Unemployed List; He Is Not Worried

President Eisenhower's confidence in an expanding economy to take care of workers displaced by automation is drawing sighs and what's-the-use expressions from labor leaders here.

The President expressed the view that fears concerning automation are exaggerated because similar fears had plagued workers for 150 years and proved groundless.

He said at his news conference that whenever the nation finds ways to do more work with fewer man-hours there always springs up more work to do.

But the labor men have been laboring to bring home to the administration that thinking in historic terms and thinking in immediate terms are two different things.

They have sought to emphasize that neither the 15 million persons in the labor movement or the 45 million outside it are happy to contemplate the interim convulsions of chaos and misery lasting from 10 to 25 years and in many places much more which machine displacement ushered in—Labor's Daily.

Beware of Those 'Weasel Words' in Insurance Policies

Walter S. Banks, financial secretary of Oakland Machinist Lodge 284, has forwarded to East Bay Labor Journal an editorial which appeared in the Machinist calling attention to the loopholes in privately sold health and accident insurance policies.

The editorial advises its readers to beware of "cancellable insurance" policies which gives the company the right to cancel or refuse to renew the insurance. That all-important clause, says The Machinist, is one of the weasels in more than 90 percent of all health and accident insurance policies being sold to individuals.

For the benefit of its many readers and ours, too the IAM newspaper lists some helpful suggestions for those in the market for such insurance. These include:

- 1—Buy insurance only from insurance companies licensed in the state where you live.
- 2—Check the many different type of policies carried by each company. Some may be a lot better than others sold by the same company. The name of the company is no guide to the quality of the policy.
- 3—Read the policy several times and find out where the "weasel words" are, if any.
- 4—Don't bank on the promises of the company's advertisements or salesmen. The only insurance you can collect is what is written into your policy.
- 5—If the company refuses to pay off, write a letter of complaint to your congressman, your daily newspaper don't forget us, or directly to the Commissioner of Insurance at your state capital — providing the company is licensed by your state.

In conclusion, The Machinist advises that "of course, if you are insured through a union health and welfare plan, you don't have to worry."

Trial of Hugh Bryson For Perjury Under Way

The trial of Hugh Bryson, formerly head of the collapsed National Union of Marine Cooks & Stewards, got under way in San Francisco Federal Court this week. Bryson is accused of lying when he signed a Taft-Hartley affidavit in 1951 alleging that he was not a Communist.

The Government is calling former Communists to the stand in an effort to prove that Bryson functioned actively as a member of the party.

MANUEL CALISTA, a member of Teamsters 70, passed away in Oakland on April 9 at age 53. Brother Calista, a member of American Legion Post No. 5, is survived by his widow, Hazel; a son, Edward; a brother, John; and 2 grandchildren.

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